

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of removing nitrate nitrogen from a vegetable juice, said method comprising the steps of concentrating said vegetable juice to Brix concentration 10-60% to obtain a concentrate and subjecting said concentrate to electro dialysis.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The method of claim [[2]] 12 wherein said vegetable juice is a juice of leafy vegetables and said leafy vegetables include at least one selected from the group consisting of celery, spinach and kale.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The method of claim [[1]] 7 wherein said vegetable juice has a sludge volume adjusted to 10% or less.

Claims 5 and 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said vegetable juice is concentrated to Brix concentration 20-40%.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The method of claim [[1]] 4 wherein said electro dialysis is carried out by flowing said concentrate at a linear speed of 0.5-10cm/sec on a membrane surface.

Claims 10 and 11 (canceled):

Claim 12 (currently amended): The method of claim [[1]] 9 wherein said concentrate is subjected to electro dialysis at a temperature of 10°C or lower.

Claims 13-17 (canceled).